

Monopoly and Socialism.

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abate not a jot of our dislike of extending municipal functions. Nor are we deceived by the plea that a municipal plant could be confined to lighting the streets and public buildings. It would be certain to go on and supply private consumers. We should expect to see it wasteful and inefficient. But what are you going to do when a Snylock company insists upon the letter of its bond? Can we forever compel taxpayers to put

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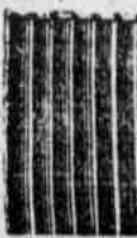
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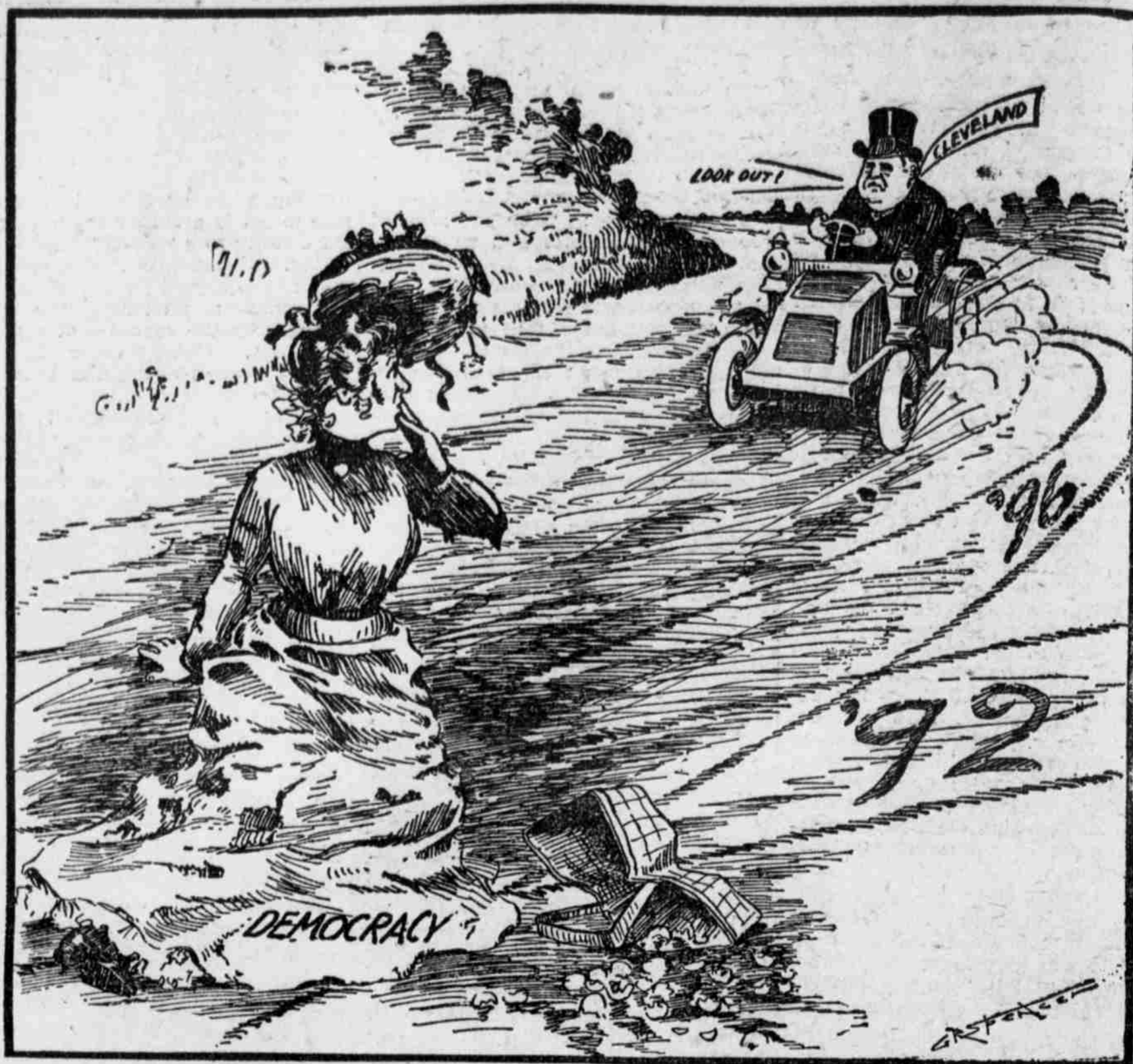
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MISS DEMOCRACY—"WHAT! ARE YOU COMING BACK?"

up with private greed through fear of public waste?

We have made it clear that we think there are ways of clipping the claws of monopoly without going in for socialism. We do not need to out-monopolize monopoly in order to draw its fangs. But all we have wished to do at this time is to classify the friends and foes of socialism. Among the latter must be ranked every man who stands for competition, a fair field and no favor, asking no privilege from the law except that of being protected in his common rights; while among the coadjutors of socialism we know no imported agitator so dangerous, no indigenous doctrinaire so persuasive, as the impudent monopolizer of industry and of public service.—New York Post.

Recently a special mission was sent by the sultan of Turkey to pacify the Albanians and it was announced on April 17 that this mission on their arrival found themselves prisoners, the Albanians refusing to release them until the sultan gives the province an Albanian governor. Although the Austrian and Russian ambassadors at Constantinople are urging the sultan to adopt radical measures against the Albanians, it is reported that he is averse to doing this as he relies upon these people to help him in the event of further complications.

It was recently announced that the residence of the late General Philip Sheridan in Washington, which was presented to him by admirers throughout the country, has been sold by Mrs. Sheridan, the price received being \$55,000.

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